

REMARKS

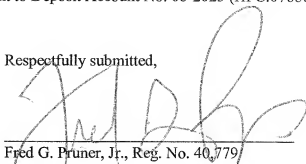
In an Office Action mailed January 23, 2009, claims 6, 12 and 18 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form; and claims 1-4, 7-11, 13-16, 19, 21-23 and 25-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Sheshagiri in view of DAML.

Independent claims 1, 7 and 13 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 6, 12 and 18, respectively. For at least the reason that the Examiner indicates that claim 6, 12 and 18 are allowable if rewritten in independent form, allowance of claims 1-4, 7-11 and 13-16 is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 19, 21 and 25 have each been amended to recite a service bridge or the use of a service bridge, which is a feature that is neither disclosed nor rendered obvious by the hypothetical combination of Sheshagiri and DAML; and for at least this reason these claims overcome the § 103 rejections. In this regard, the system of claim 19, as amended, recites that the means for interfacing with the distributed computing service includes a means for forming a service bridge having a generic programmatic interface that is usable to execute the set of procedures. Likewise, the method of independent claim 21 recites that the interfacing with the distributed computing service includes forming a service bridge module that has a generic programmatic interface that is usable to execute the set of procedures. The system of claim 25, as amended, recites that the second data processing arrangement is configured to interface with the distributed computing service by forming a service bridge having a generic programmatic interface, which is adapted to receive a request.

Dependent claims 22, 23 and 26-28 overcome the § 103 rejections for at least the same reasons as the claims from which they depend. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 (HPC.0768US).

Respectfully submitted,

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